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1. [REDACTED] the probability of Yordan Chobanov's appointment as Bulgarian Minister to Istanbul to succeed Varban Anguelov, recently recalled to Sofia, has been indicated by Georgi Slavchev, Bulgarian Minister to Egypt, and Sava Popavramov, Bulgarian Consul General in Istanbul.
2. Chobanov is a young jurist, graduate of the University of Sofia, who is at present a deputy in the Bulgarian Parliament. He was active during 1947 in the preparation of the new constitution, and during 1948 he distinguished himself in Parliament as Committee Reporter of the "Constitution Commission," and was appointed a member and secretary to the President of the Parliament. Although subject is an ambitious intellectual, [REDACTED] low in the communist heirarchy of Bulgaria.
3. Chobanov claims to know Turkish, but, [REDACTED] it is doubtful whether he knows any foreign language. He has had no experience as an official or diplomat, [REDACTED] to be more capable and polished than Varban Anguelov, and to be a devoted Communist who can probably be easily dominated by Aleksandr Lavrishev, the Russian Ambassador to Turkey.

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